



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
FORMER BRITE CLEANERS SITE  
1441 Colonial Life Boulevard, Columbia, South Carolina.**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announces a 30-day period for citizens to comment on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract for the Former Brite Cleaners Site. The contract, **VCC-05-5628-NRP**, will be between “Graham & Conner, LLC” and DHEC. The contract will allow “Graham & Conner, LLC” to purchase the property as a Brownfields site, which may have environmental pollution resulting from past practices. “Graham & Conner, LLC” did not create the pollution, but wishes to buy the property and voluntarily clean it up for reuse. If this contract is implemented, DHEC will not hold “Graham & Conner, LLC” liable under State Superfund laws for pre-existing contamination in exchange for performing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Program. If contamination has spread off of the property, State law will not allow affected parties to file suit against “Graham & Conner, LLC” for the past operations; however, legal action may be pursued against any former owners or operators.

The Brownfields site being purchased by “Graham & Conner, LLC” consists of 0.942 acres on the southwest corner of the intersection of Colonial Life Boulevard with Bush River Road. The property has been developed as a small, retail strip-mall for over twenty years. A drycleaning plant operated in one tenant space of the strip-mall for approximately five years ending in June 2005. Abandoned drums of drycleaning solvents and wastes have been found on the property and there appears to have been leakage into the environment. The drycleaning plant was not registered with the SC Drycleaning Restoration Trust Fund; therefore, the former owners and operators of the drycleaning plant are responsible for any contamination that may have resulted from the property.

“Graham & Conner, LLC” intends to continue operation of the property for commercial and retail use. Due to the potential for environmental pollution, “Graham & Conner, LLC” wishes to enter into a contract under DHEC’s Voluntary Cleanup Program. Under the proposed contract, “Graham & Conner, LLC” will test samples of soil, soil vapors, and groundwater. If contamination is found, “Graham & Conner, LLC” will address contaminated soil to meet commercial standards and may be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment based on the laboratory findings. Also under the contract, “Graham & Conner, LLC” will not allow any future tenants of the property to operate a drycleaning plant or use similar solvents. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/lwm/html/public.asp>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

DHEC promotes reuse of Brownfields sites across the state so that these properties do not remain idle or become abandoned. Public comments on proposed Brownfields contracts assist DHEC in balancing the environmental and redevelopment issues to be in the best interest of the state. Comments or questions may be directed to either Angela Gorman, Project Manager, [gormanak@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:gormanak@dhec.sc.gov), (803) 896-4121, or Craig Dukes, Brownfields Public Information Coordinator, [dukescv@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:dukescv@dhec.sc.gov), TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432, SCDHEC – Bureau of Land and Waste Management, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC, 29201. Citizens may provide

written, email, or telephone comments on the Former Brite Cleaners Site proposed contract until January 17, 2006.